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RESPONSE WITH AMENDMENT

In response to the final Office Action mailed January 31, 2003, please amend the claims as indicated below. Applicants present the claims as amended below and enclose a separate sheet indicating the amendment to the specification with bracketing and underlining.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 6, 13 and 15 as follows:

1. (Four times amended) A system having first and second processes residing on first and second computers used with backup or restore operations, wherein each of said first and said second computers are in communication with a data storage system storing data from